

Job 38–41**How Great is Your God?**

In our day-to-day conversations the topic of God's sovereignty does not often arise. Yet, God's sovereignty often rests at the back of our mind as we encounter blessings and tragedies throughout our lifetime.

A. God's Opening 38.1–3 (read 1–3)

- A. Who is Job to instruct God?

B. God's Powerful Deeds 38.4–18 (read 4, 16–18)

- A. Creation of the World

C. God's Physical Provisions 38.19–34

- A. Sunlight, Snow, Hail, Wind (19–24)
- B. Rain, moisture, ice (25–30)
- C. Stars, Constellations, Sky (31–34)

D. God's Care for Animals 38.39–39.30

- A. Lions, Mountain Goats, Deer
- B. Wild Donkey and Ox
- C. Ostrich and Horse
- D. Hawk and Eagle

E. God's Invitation to Job to respond 40.1–2 (read)**F. Job's Response 40.3–5 (read)**

- A. Job's insignificance and silence

G. God's Challenge 40.6–9 (read 6–8)

- A. “Now gird up your loins like a man; I will ask you, and you instruct Me.
40.7
- B. “Now gird up your loins like a man, And I will ask you, and you instruct Me!
38.3

H. God's Question 40.10–14 (read)

*At the Height of your power and prestige, are you able to save yourself?
40.10–14*

I. God's Mighty Power 40.15–34

*What Power does man actually possess compared to the Behemoth and Leviathan?
40.15–41.34*

(Hippo and crocodile)

Where do we fail to recognize the Majestic Sovereignty of God?

- 1) We seek somehow to instruct God. 38.3
- 2) We fail to recognize the absolute Power behind God's deeds. (How much energy did it take to initiate the universe in the modern scientific model? they are still working on that!)
- 3) We rationalize the moisture our world creates and the movement of the stars (don't actually move, but we do)
- 4) We dismiss the natural order in the zoological world.
- 5) We overestimate our own ability to achieve mastery and dominance.
- 6) We question God (or blame him) when we don't understand events (how could God...)

How can we begin to recognize the Majestic Sovereignty of God?

- 1) Begin each day with gratitude to God for the blessings of this world and our life in it.
- 2) Re-envision our lives as a Steward for those things which God provides.
- 3) Daily take actions as a steward of God's many blessings.
- 4) Join with the angel chorus and declare the Sovereignty of God

Please Stand and read with me.

- (A) “ ‘Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,’ who was, and is, and is to come.” Revelation 4:8
- (B) “You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things, and by your will they were created and have their being.” Rev 4:11
- (C) “You are worthy to take the scroll and to open its seals, because you were slain, and with your blood you purchased for God persons from every tribe and language and people and nation. You have made them to be a kingdom and priests to serve our God, and they will reign on the earth.” Rev 5:9–10
- (D) “Worthy is the Lamb, who was slain, to receive power and wealth and wisdom and strength and honor and glory and praise!” Rev 5:12
- (E) “To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb be praise and honor and glory and power, for ever and ever!” Rev 5:13
- (F) “The kingdom of the world has become the kingdom of our Lord and of His Christ; and He will reign forever and ever.” Rev 11:15
- (G) “We give thanks to you, Lord God Almighty, the One who is and who was, because you have taken your great power and have begun to reign. Rev 11:17